

A NEW NAME FOR *PAPILIO CERES* CRAMER, [1776],
NEC FABRICIUS, 1775 (NYMPHALIDAE, DANAINAE)

GERARDO LAMAS

Museo de Historia Natural "Javier Prado," Apartado 1109, Lima—100, Peru
and Department of Entomology, National Museum of Natural History,
Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C. 20560

ABSTRACT. *Lycorea pieteri*, nomen novum, is proposed as a replacement name of *Papilio ceres* Cramer, [1776], pre-occupied by *Papilio ceres* Fabricius, 1775.

Papilio ceres, a danaine described by Cramer ([1776]: 141, 152, pl. 90, fig. A) from "Surinam" is a junior primary homonym of *Papilio ceres* Fabricius (1775: 504), an African nymphaline. The only author who seems to have noticed this homonymy is Billberg (1820: 77). Under his new genus *Epimetes*, Billberg introduced the name *sebethis*, as follows:

Sebethis Brasil. Eg. *Ceres* Fbr.

As can be surmised from other examples elsewhere in his work, the above notation indicates that Billberg was proposing his name *sebethis* as a substitute for *ceres* Fabricius, and that he had a specimen (or specimens) from "Brazil" in his collection (Eg. = *Auctor hujus operis*). What is not clear is if Billberg considered *ceres* Cramer to be the senior name, or if he intended to write "Cr." instead of "Fbr." after *ceres*, and just made a *lapsus calami*. However, in at least one other instance, Billberg gives preference to a junior Cramerian name over a Fabrician one, under the genus *Amaryssus* Dalman (*minos* Cramer, [1780] versus *astenuous* Fabricius, 1775).

Whatever Billberg's true *intention* was, it is his *action* which counts here, and the result was the unfortunate introduction of an invalid junior synonym of *Papilio ceres* Fabricius (currently known as *Najas ceres* (Fox *et al.*, 1965) or *Euphaedra ceres* Auctt.; the correct nomenclatorial status of this species is not yet settled, *cf.* Cowan, 1974).

Therefore, *Papilio ceres* Cramer still needs a replacement name, and under the provisions of Article 60(b) of the International Code of Zoological Nomenclature I hereby propose *pieteri*, in the combination *Lycorea pieteri*, nom. nov. This name is a masculine noun after the patronym of Pieter Cramer.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Mr. William D. Field, Smithsonian Institution, kindly read and com-

mented on the manuscript. This paper was prepared during the tenure of a post-doctoral fellowship at the National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution.

LITERATURE CITED

- BILLBERG, G. J. 1820. Enumeratio insectorum in Museo Billberg. [Holmiae], Gadel. [iv] + 138 p.
- COWAN, C. F. 1974. Comments supporting the four outstanding requests affecting butterfly generic names (Insecta, Lepidoptera). Bull. Zool. Nomencl. 30(3/4): 133-134.
- CRAMER, P. [1776]. De uitlandische Kapellen voorkomende in de drie Waereld-Deelen Asia, Africa en America. Amsteldam, J. S. Baalde and J. Van Schoonhoven & Comp.; Utrecht, Barthelemy Wild. 1(8): 133-155, pls. 85-96.
- FABRICIUS, J. C. 1775. Systema Entomologiae, sistens insectorum classis, ordines, genera, species, adiectis synonymis, locis, descriptionibus, observationibus. Flensburgi et Lipsiae, Korte. [iv] + [xii] + [xvi] + 832 p.
- FOX, R. M., A. W. LINDSEY, JR., H. K. CLENCH & L. D. MILLER. 1965. The Butterflies of Liberia. Mem. Amer. Entomol. Soc. 19: [4] + ii + 438 pp., 1 pl., 233 figs.